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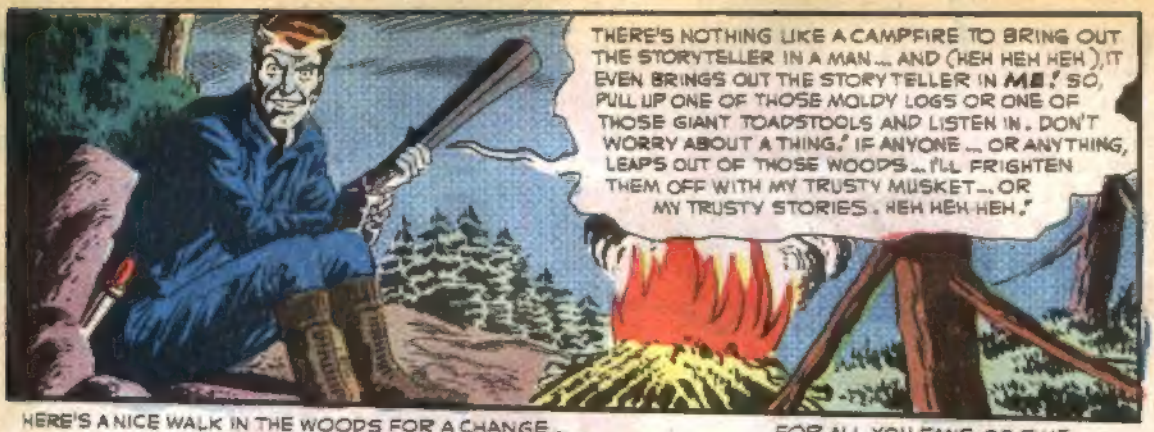
THERE'S NOTHING LIKE A CAMPFIRE TO BRING OUT THE STORYTELLER IN A MAN... AND (HEH HEH HEH), IT EVEN BRINGS OUT THE STORYTELLER IN ME! SO, PULL UP ONE OF THOSE MOLDY LOGS OR ONE OF THOSE GIANT TOADSTOOLS AND LISTEN IN. DON'T WORRY ABOUT A THING! IF ANYONE... OR ANYTHING, LEAPS OUT OF THOSE WOODS... I'LL FRIGHTEN THEM OFF WITH MY TRUSTY MUSKET... OR MY TRUSTY STORIES. HEH HEH HEH!

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WHAT'S YOUR RUSH, EH, MR. TAYLOR?
HURRY, JATE! HURRY!
I SEE A PLANE DOWN THERE! IT... IT'S IMPOSSIBLE! IT CAN'T BE! IT'S DAD'S PLANE!
VROOOM
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THEN THERE'S "YO HO HO, AND A DEAD MAN'S JEST!" TO MAKE ALL YOU SAILORS HAPPY. DID I SAY 'HAPPY'? HA HA HA!
B-BUT I HAD MY SIGHTS RIGHT ON HIM! I COULDN'T HAVE MISSED!
HA HA HA HA! T'S TOO LATE! TOOOO LATE!
BLAM
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"YO HO HO AND A DEAD MAN'S JEST"

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JONATHAN PEEBLES.. IF YOU WEREN'T SUCH A FAVORITE OF MINE URP I'D FORGET ABOUT TELLING THIS STORY AND LEAVE YOU HERE! ULP THIS UP AND DOWN. UP AND DOWN UP AND URP.. I DON'T FEEL SO WELL LUCKILY FOR BOTH OF US JONATHAN WE'VE BEEN SIGHTED FATHER YOU'VE BEEN SIGHTED.
AHOY. A RAFT OFF THE STARBOARD BOW.. THERE'S A MAN ON IT SIR!
READY ON THOSE SAILS THEN. READY ABOUT HARD A LEE!

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POOR JONATHAN! HOW MANY TIMES WILL HE BE HAULED OVER THAT RAIL... HOW MANY TIMES?
POOR LAD, HE'S ABOUT HAD IT, I'M AFRAID!
I DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW HE'S ALIVE! I'VE NEVER SEEN SUCH A CASE OF DE-HYDRATION! WHY, THE MAN'S BEEN WITHOUT WATER LONGER THAN HUMANLY POSSIBLE!
EASY WITH HIM, LADS! DON'T TRY TO FINISH OFF WHAT DAVY JONES STARTED! PUT HIM IN THE EMPTY SECOND MATES CABIN... I'LL SEND DOWN THE DOCTOR!
MUST HAVE HAD A STRONG REASON TO STAY ALIVE, DOCTOR.. MIGHTY STRONG REASON!
A FEW DAYS LATER...
WH. WHERE AM I. WHO ARE YOU?
WELL, THE LAD CAN SPEAK! YOU'RE ABOARD THE MARY JANE SON... BOUND FOR SAN FRANCISO WITH A LOAD OF TOBACCO! I'M EPHRAIM GUNDY... SHIP'S DOCTOR! AND WHO MIGHT YOU BE?
YOU. .YOU DON'T KNOW ME... I-I'M JONATHAN PEEBLES. SECOND MATE ON THE MARY JANE! THIS IS MY CABIN!

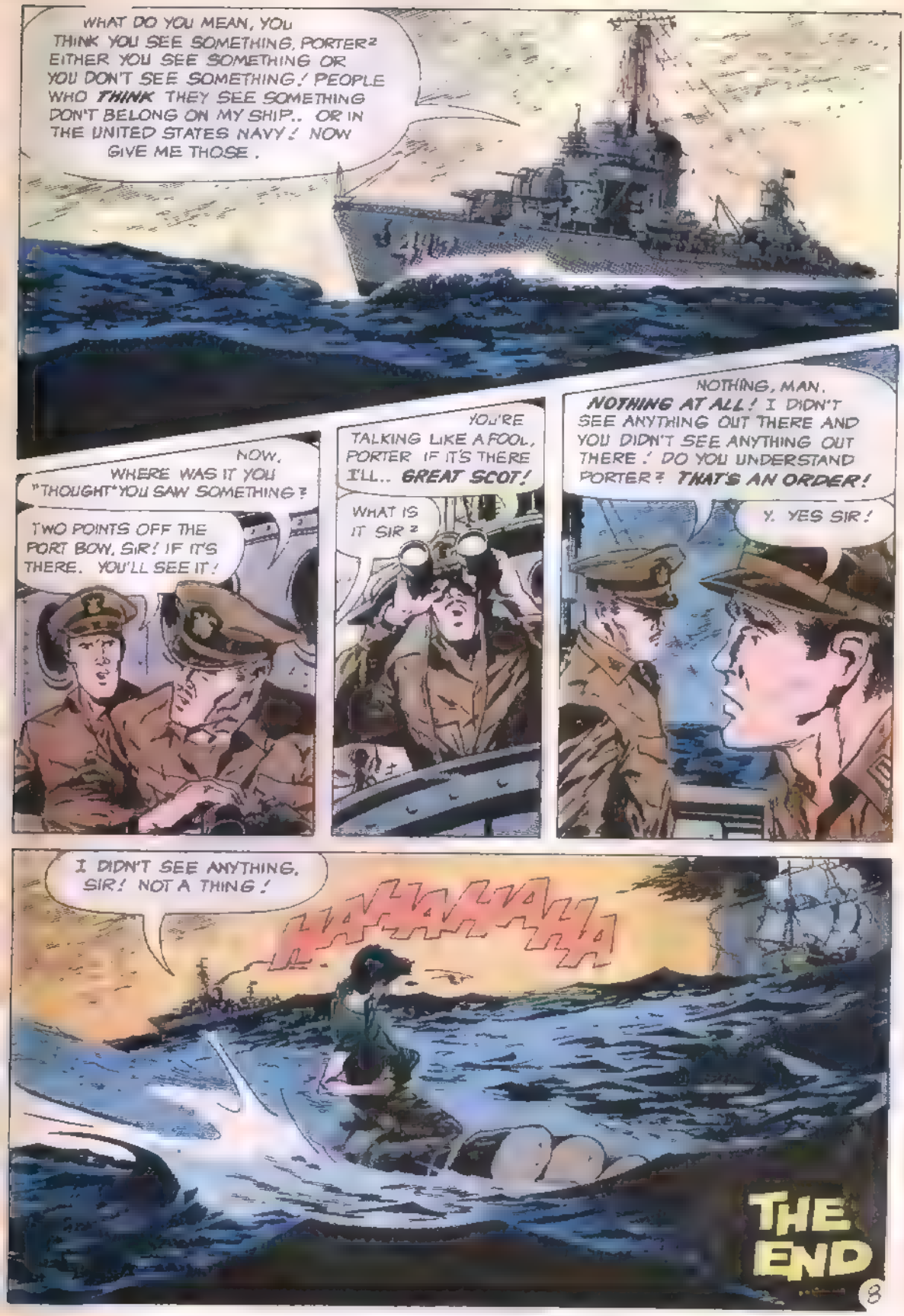
WHERE'S THE CAPTAIN? WHERE'S CAPTAIN NEWTON?
HE MUST BE DAFT!
CAPTAIN! CAPTAIN NEWTON! LET ME IN... IT'S ME... JONATHAN PEEBLES!
BAM BAM
GREAT SCOT! WHAT IS IT MAN? ARE YOU GONE BALMY?
CAPTAIN.. IT'S ME.. JONATHAN PEEBLES! YOUR SECOND MATE!
THE MAN'S LOST HIS MIND! DRIFTING LIKE THAT, I SHOULDN'T WONDER... BUT HE NEEDS HELP! DOCTOR... DOCTOR GUNDY!!
DON'T ALL OF YOU JUST STAND THERE SHAKING YOUR HEADS! YOU KNOW WHO I AM! I'M JONATHAN PEEBLES... THE SECOND MATE YOU MURDERED!!
HE'S CRAZY... HE'LL HURT HIMSELF! YOU MEN... PUT A ROPE ON HIM... FOR HIS OWN GOOD!

OH NO YOU DON'T.. IT WON'T BE SO EASY THIS TIME ! YOU WON'T GET RID OF ME LIKE YOU DID BEFORE NOW I'M THE ONE WHO HOLDS THE POWER !
WHAT'S 'E TALKIN' 'BOUT MATE ?
I DUNNO... 'E'S BALMIER THAN A GOOSE
?
OF COURSE YOU DON'T REMEMBER ! YOU'VE ALL FORCED IT FROM YOUR MINDS ! WHO COULD GO ON KNOWING WHAT YOU DID TO AN INNOCENT MAN ? WELL, I'LL REMIND YOU... I'LL REMIND YOU WHAT YOU DID.
"WE WEREN'T OUT OF MYSTIC A WEEK WHEN THE FATES OF TWO MEN WERE SEALED ! ROGER MCTAVISH . AND ME !"
"THERE WERE ONLY TWO MEN WHO KNEW WHO REALLY KILLED MCTAVISH... BUT ONE OF THEM DIED THAT NIGHT... MCTAVISH ! THE OTHER IS STILL ON THIS SHIP !"
"THERE WAS A CRIME AND SOMEBODY HAD TO BE PUNISHED BUT IN YOUR HASTE CAPTAIN YOU PICKED THE WRONG MAN "
WHACK
UGGG...
MURDER ON THE HIGH SEAS IS PUNISHABLE BY DEATH ! BUT I'M NOT A MAN TO TAKE AN EYE FOR AN EYE ! YOUR SENTENCE PEEBLES TO BE CAST ADRIFT WITHOUT PROVISIONS ! JUSTICE WILL BE DONE !
NO ! NO !!

I'M INNOCENT, I TELL YOU! YOU ALL KNOW I'M INNOCENT! THERE IS A MAN AMONG YOU WHO CAN PROVE IT... I PLACE A CURSE ON YOU.. UNTIL THE GUILTY MAN COMES FORWARD... MMMPPPFFFF!!
GAG HIM!
LET NO MAN PLACE A CURSE ON MY VESSEL ... CAST HIM OFF!
"YOU WERE AFRAID, CAPTAIN. AFRAID THAT YOU MIGHT HAVE PUNISHED AN INNOCENT MAN.. AND AFRAID OF THE CURSE I WOULD BRING DOWN ON YOU. BUT NOW I'M BACK!"
NOW I AM BACK. HAHAHA! AND NO MAN CAN STOP MY MOUTH FROM PUTTING A CURSE OF THE DEVIL ON YOU.. ON ALL OF YOU!
GET HIM DOWN FROM THERE. I DON'T CARE HOW.
HAHA
IT'S TOO LATE FOR YOU CAPTAIN AND THIS SHIP!
HOW COULD YOU MISS SO CLOSE UP?
I...I DIDN'T!?!
BOOM

THE SHIP MARY JANE AND HER CREW WILL NOT REST BECAUSE TOGETHER THEY HAVE SEEN AN INNOCENT MAN DONE THE ULTIMATE HARM... SAIL FOR ETERNITY FOUL SHIP...FOUL CREW... YOU ARE DOOMED.
NO!
KABLOOOM
HE'S DOOMED US...UNLESS WE CAN STOP HIM AND GET HIM TO BREAK THE CURSE!
NO! BREAK THE CURSE.. STOP HIM!
DON'T LET HIM GET AWAY!
NO!
HA HA HA HA! IT'S TOO LATE.. TOOOOO LATE!
HA HA BLAM
B. BUT I HAD MY SIGHTS RIGHT ON HIM. I COULDN'T HAVE MISSED!

YOU FOOLS.. YOU SIMPLE FOOLS ! IT'S TOO LATE ! YOU'VE DONE YOUR WRONG. NOW YOU MUST PAY... AND PAY.. AND PAY ! HA HA HA HA HA HA !
HAHAHAHA
BOOM
HO HO HO HO ! FOUL WEATHER TO YOU, ETERNAL CRUISER OF THE MURKY SEA. FOUL WEATHER TO YOU ! HA HA HA HA HA !!
THAT PEEBLES ! A MAN OF CONVICTION THERE ! HE RAN SO FAST, I DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO CATCH UP WITH HIM ! OH, WELL ON THE OCEAN, TIME SLIPS BY SO FAST ! I'LL FIND HIM IN TIME !
IN TIME
CAPTAIN, SIR...I THINK I SEE SOMETHING OFF OUR PORT BOW I.. I THINK !


WHAT DO YOU MEAN, YOU THINK YOU SEE SOMETHING, PORTER? EITHER YOU SEE SOMETHING OR YOU DON'T SEE SOMETHING! PEOPLE WHO THINK THEY SEE SOMETHING DON'T BELONG ON MY SHIP.. OR IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY! NOW GIVE ME THOSE.
NOW, WHERE WAS IT YOU "THOUGHT" YOU SAW SOMETHING?
TWO POINTS OFF THE PORT BOW, SIR! IF IT'S THERE. YOU'LL SEE IT!
YOU'RE TALKING LIKE A FOOL, PORTER IF IT'S THERE I'LL.. GREAT SCOT!
WHAT IS IT SIR?
NOTHING, MAN. NOTHING AT ALL! I DIDN'T SEE ANYTHING OUT THERE AND YOU DIDN'T SEE ANYTHING OUT THERE! DO YOU UNDERSTAND PORTER? THAT'S AN ORDER!
Y. YES SIR!
I DIDN'T SEE ANYTHING, SIR! NOT A THING!
HAHAHAHA
THE END

THE ETERNAL MOUNTAIN

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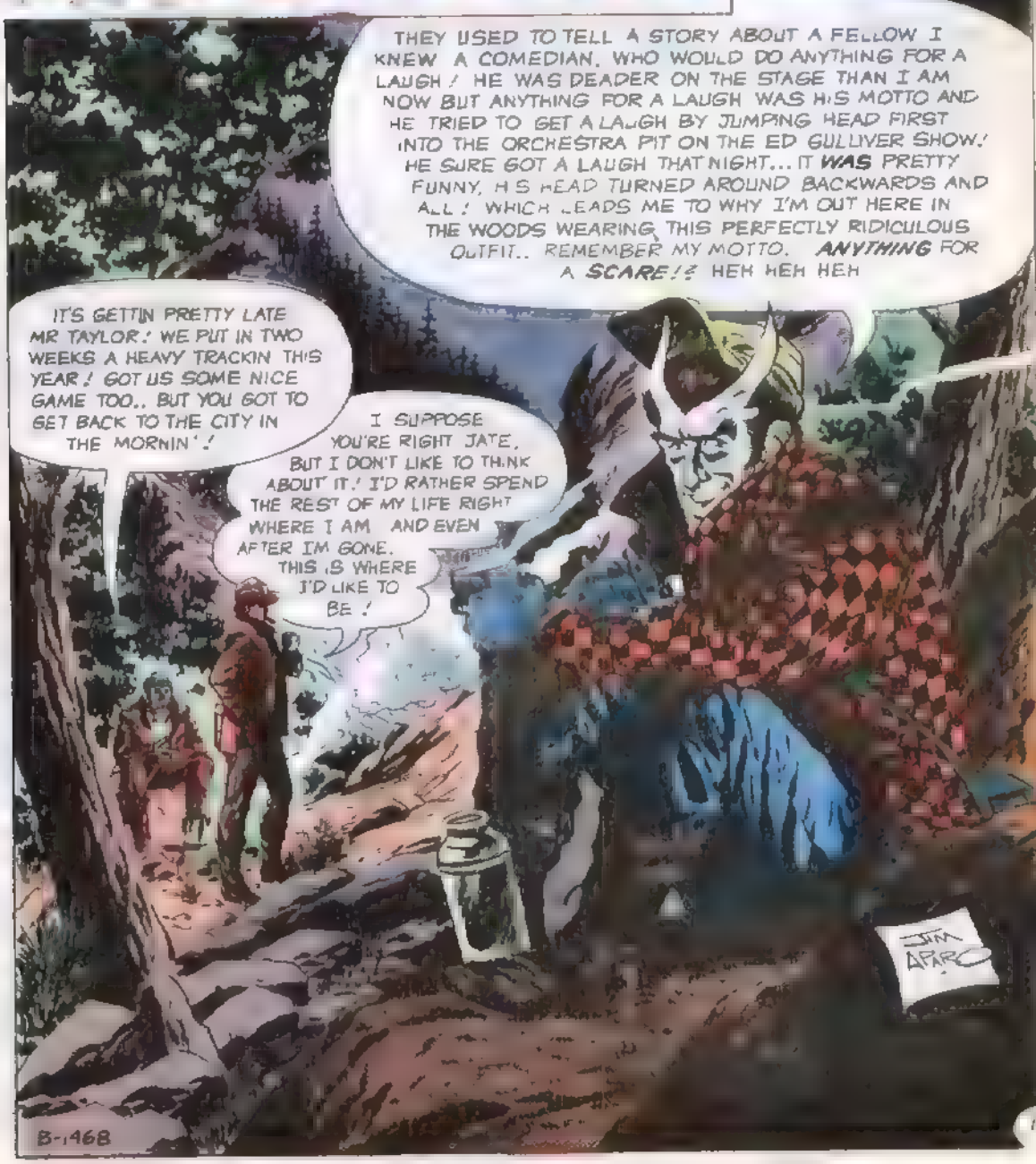
THEY USED TO TELL A STORY ABOUT A FELLOW I KNEW A COMEDIAN, WHO WOULD DO ANYTHING FOR A LAUGH! HE WAS DEADER ON THE STAGE THAN I AM NOW BUT ANYTHING FOR A LAUGH WAS HIS MOTTO AND HE TRIED TO GET A LAUGH BY JUMPING HEAD FIRST INTO THE ORCHESTRA PIT ON THE ED GULLIVER SHOW! HE SURE GOT A LAUGH THAT NIGHT... IT WAS PRETTY FUNNY, HIS HEAD TURNED AROUND BACKWARDS AND ALL! WHICH LEADS ME TO WHY I'M OUT HERE IN THE WOODS WEARING THIS PERFECTLY RIDICULOUS OUTFIT.. REMEMBER MY MOTTO. ANYTHING FOR A SCARE!! HEH HEH HEH
IT'S GETTIN PRETTY LATE MR TAYLOR! WE PUT IN TWO WEEKS A HEAVY TRACKIN THIS YEAR! GOT US SOME NICE GAME TOO.. BUT YOU GOT TO GET BACK TO THE CITY IN THE MORNIN'!
I SUPPOSE YOU'RE RIGHT JATE, BUT I DON'T LIKE TO THINK ABOUT IT! I'D RATHER SPEND THE REST OF MY LIFE RIGHT WHERE I AM AND EVEN AFTER I'M GONE. THIS IS WHERE I'D LIKE TO BE!
JIM APARO
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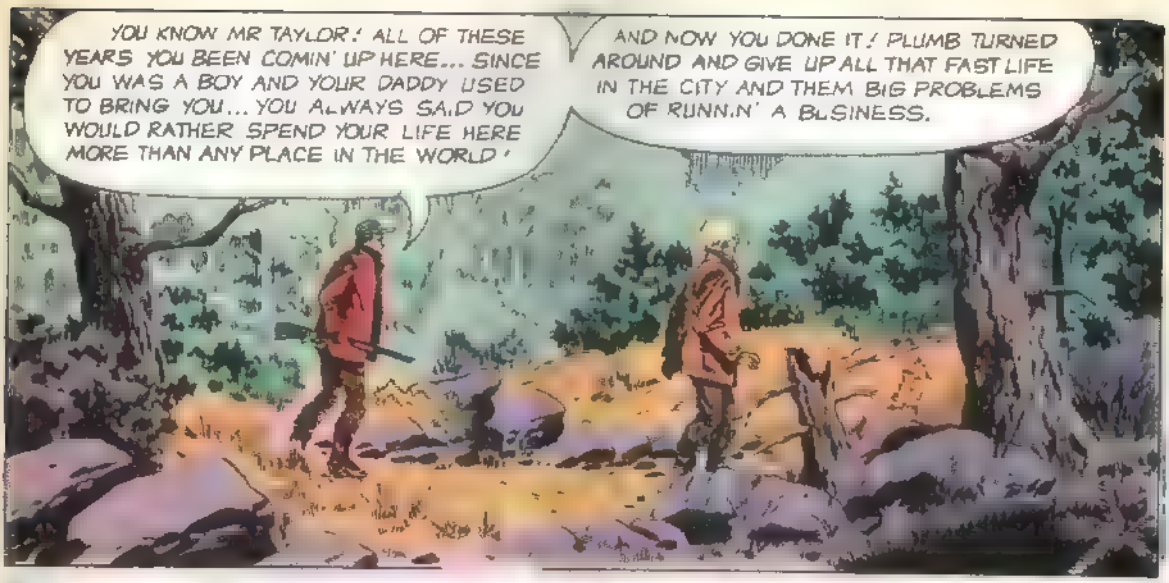
EVERY YEAR SINCE HE WAS A BOY, BEN TAYLOR WOULD SPEND AT LEAST TWO WEEKS IN HIS BELOVED NORTH WOODS! EVEN THOUGH HE WAS NOW THE YOUNGEST CORPORATION PRESIDENT IN THE MIDWEST HE STILL FOUND TIME TO GET AWAY FROM HIS OFFICE AND HEAD INTO THE WOODS FOR SOME HUNTING!
TROUBLE IS, THE OLDER BEN GOT, THE HARDER HE STARTED TO DRIVE HIMSELF! OH, HE MANAGED TO GET HUNTING THIS YEAR AGAIN, BUT THE PRESSURE OF HIS BUSINESS TURNED BACK ON THE MINUTE HE GOT BACK IN HIS CAR!
SURE WAS NICE TO GET UP HERE AGAIN THIS YEAR! I DON'T KNOW WHY I DON'T JUST SELL OUT AND MOVE UP HERE PERMANENTLY! IT'S THE ONLY THING IN THE WORLD THAT I REALLY WANT.
IT WOULD BE EASY! A CALL TO THE OFFICE · IRVING COULD HANDLE THE SALE OF MY SHARES · I COULD TURN AROUND AND BE BACK AT THE CAMP BY MIDNIGHT.
WHOOOPS! I BETTER KEEP MY MIND ON WHAT I'M DOING · IF I GET ANY MORE CARELESS I'LL SURE SPEND THE REST OF MY LIFE UP HERE. HA HA HA HA
WHEW...
SCREECH

GUESS I DID WORK PRETTY HARD AT ENJOYING MYSELF THIS YEAR; JUST LIKE OLD JATE SAID; KIND OF TIRED...
OOOPS ! THERE I GO AGAIN ! BETTER STOP FOR SOME COFFEE FIRST CHANCE I GET.
SCREEEE
SLEEPIER THAN I THOUGHT MAYBE I BETTER PULL OVER. GET FORTY WINKS JUST A COUPLE OF MINUTES OF SHUT EYE
YEOOOW! ANOTHER SKID LIKE THIS AND I'LL REALLY WAKE UP.. OH, OH!
SCREEEE
SCREEEEEEE

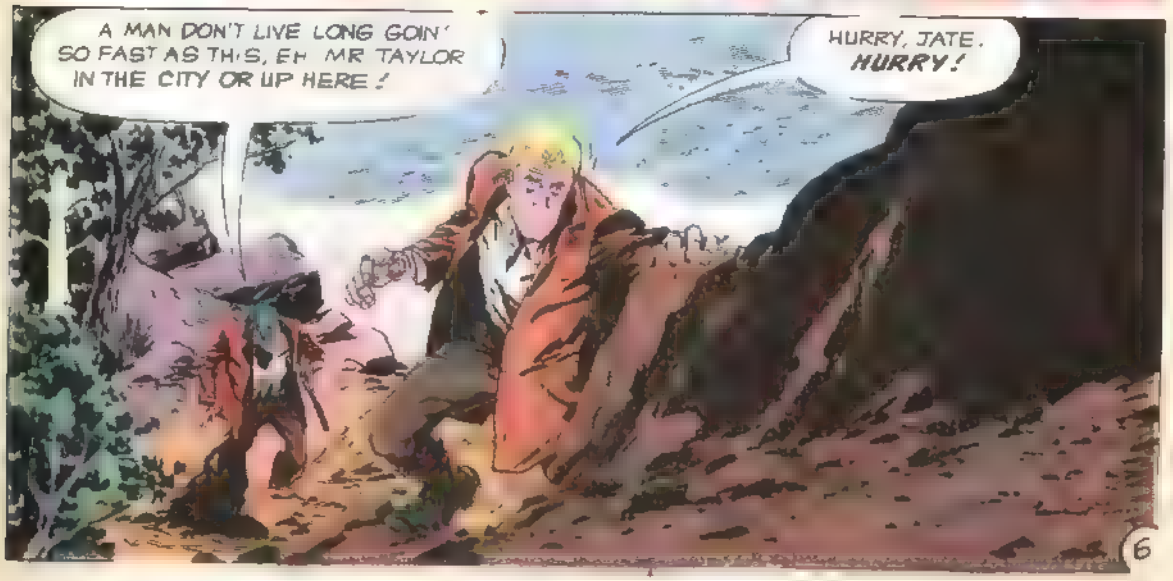
WHILE THREE HUNDRED AND FIFTY MILES FROM THE CITY..
SURE WAS SORRY TO SEE MR TAYLOR LEAVE THIS YEAR! IT'S GETTING SO HE WORKS HIMSELF SO HARD DOWN AT HIS BUSINESS HE CAN'T SEEM TO GET RESTED UP... NOW WHO IN SAM HILL COULD THAT BE?
KNOCK KNOCK
MR. TAYLOR! LAND O'GOSHEN YOU DID IT! YOU PLUMB GAVE UP EVERYTHING, DIDN'T YA.. SO YOU COULD COME UP HERE AND LIVE ALL YEAR 'ROUND? YIPPEE!
JATE! YOU KNOW THAT SPOT ON THE TOP OF MOUNT BALDY? THE PLACE WE GOT THE BROWN BEAR THREE YEARS AGO... THE PRETTIEST PLACE IN THE WORLD? YOU REMEMBER IT?
MOUNT BALDY? WHY, I SHORE DO! HOW COULD A BODY FORGET MOUNT BALDY... AND THAT BIG BROWN BEAR? KERRIMINY. WAS HE A BIG 'UN! BUT COME IN AND SET! I'LL MAKE SOME WOODSMAN'S COFFEE AND YA KIN TELL ME ABOUT YER DECISION!
NO, JATE! NOT NOW! I WANT YOU TO TAKE ME THERE ...NOW!
UP TO MOUNT BALDY... UH, WHY SURE, MISTER TAYLOR! IF THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT! MEBBEE WE CAN TALK UP THERE!

NOW, JATE . NOW! THERE ISN'T ANY TIME TO WASTE !
HUH? THAT SURE DON'T SOUND LIKE YOU, MISTER TAYLOR ! YOU NEVER USED TO BE IN A HURRY TO GET ANYWHERES... BUT I'M HURRYIN'... I'M HURRYIN' !
I TELL YOU, MR TAYLOR ! I NEVER WAS SO HAPPY TO SEE A BODY AS WHEN I OPENED THAT DOOR AND IT WAS YOU ! YOU WAS HINTIN' YOU MIGHT TRY SOMETHING LIKE THAT AFORE YOU LEFT !
YOU KEPT SAYIN YOU JUST MIGHT GIVE UP EVERYTHING AND COME BACK TO THE WOODS ! AND BY CRACKY, YOU DONE IT ! BUT WHAT ABOUT ALL THEM BUSINESS MEN ASSOCIATES OF YOURS DOWN TO THE CITY? WHAT ABOUT THEM
LET'S HURRY JATE.. IT'S GETTING LATE !
JUST THINK OF IT, MR. TAYLOR ! WE CAN HUNT AND FISH AND JUST PLAIN ENJOY THIS GREEN EARTH LIKE IT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE ENJOYED ! I NEVER COULD FIGGER OUT HOW YOU... I MEAN, THE CITY FOLKS MANAGED !
I'M NOT GETTIN' ANY YOUNGER EITHER YOU KNOW ! BEEN A GUIDE FOR OVER FORTY YEARS ! MAYBE IT'S HIGH TIME I GOT DOWN TO ENJOYIN LIFE MORE TOO ! A MAN CAN'T WORK ALL THE TIME NOW CAN HE ?
HURRY, JATE .


YOU KNOW MR TAYLOR! ALL OF THESE YEARS YOU BEEN COMIN' UP HERE... SINCE YOU WAS A BOY AND YOUR DADDY USED TO BRING YOU... YOU ALWAYS SAID YOU WOULD RATHER SPEND YOUR LIFE HERE MORE THAN ANY PLACE IN THE WORLD!
AND NOW YOU DONE IT! PLUMB TURNED AROUND AND GIVE UP ALL THAT FAST LIFE IN THE CITY AND THEM BIG PROBLEMS OF RUNN.N' A BUSINESS.

...AND YOU COME BACK! BY GINGER, YOU COME BACK, MR. TAYLOR!

BUT GULP.. I AIN'T NEVER SEEN YOU SO ALL FIRED IN A HURRY TO GIT SOMEWHERES! MEBBE THAT'S WHY YOU'RE GOIN' SO FAST... TO TIRE OUT A LITTLE AND GET SLOWED DOWN TO A SENSIBLE PACE.


A MAN DON'T LIVE LONG GOIN' SO FAST AS THIS, EH MR TAYLOR IN THE CITY OR UP HERE!
HURRY, JATE. HURRY!

PUFF I GOT TO SAY MR TAYLOR, I SURE AIN'T AS YOUNG AS I USED TO BE COURSE I NEVER CLIMBED MOUNT BALDY AT A DEAD RUN, E THER. PUFF
HURRY GATE HURRY
THERE IT IS MR. TAYLOR WE'RE AT THE TOP OF MOUNT BALDY
SORT OF TAKES YOUR BREATH AWAY DON'T YOU WERE RIGHT WHEN YOU SAID A MAN COULD SPEND ETERNITY UP HERE.
THAT'S WHAT IT WAS YOU SAID, WASN'T IT... MR TAYLOR. MR. TAYLOR! GREA BALLS OF FIRE.. HE'S GONE!!
GUESS I MUST HAVE DOZED OFF FOR A WHILE BACK THERE TOO! HMMM LOOKS AS IF BEN TAYLOR PUSHED HIM SELF TOO FAR! WELL TODAY WAS HIS TURN.. I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO HIS ER SPIRIT, LET'S SAY BUT I HOPE HE GOT WHAT HE WANTED. I'VE BEEN TO MOUNT BALDY AND A BODY COULD SPEND ETERNITY THERE.
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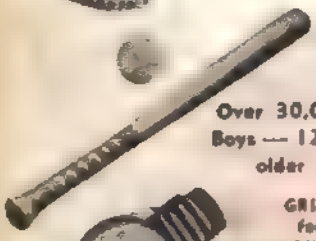

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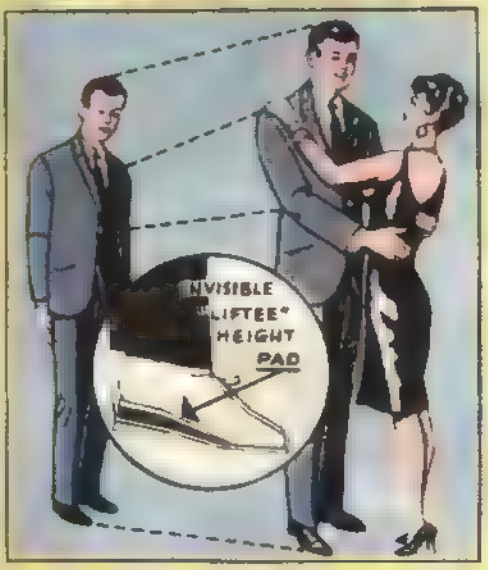

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I KEEP ASKING MYSELF, WHAT IS A BAD FELLOW LIKE ME DOING IN HIGH PLACES? IT'S TOO CLOSE TO 'YOU KNOW WHERE' TO SUIT ME! BUT THE STORY STARTED HERE, HIGH OVER THE BLEAK TEXAS COUNTRYSIDE IN THE EARLY DAYS OF WORLD WAR TWO!
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BUT IT WAS ALREADY TOO LATE FOR 2ND LIEUTENANT TERRY ARNOLD, RECENTLY SWORN INTO THE AIR CORPS AND SOON PROVEN TO BE A PROMISING AVIATOR!
ARMY
A BOARD OF INQUIRY WILL DETERMINE THAT THE IN FLIGHT EXPLOSION WAS CAUSED BY AN ACCUMULATION OF OIL LEAKING FROM AN IMPROPERLY TIGHTENED OIL LINE.. BUT THAT WON'T HELP TERRY ARNOLD! ONLY DOCTORS CAN DO THAT NOW!
WE'VE DONE ALL WE CAN. THE BOY WILL SURVIVE BUT HE'LL NEVER WALK AGAIN!
THIS IS TERRY ARNOLD, SIR .HE WON'T MIND NOT WALKING. IT'S THE FLYING HE'LL NEVER DO THAT WORRIES ME!
"TERRY DIDN'T MIND IT WHEN THE DOCTORS TOLD HIM HE WOULDN'T WALK AGAIN - BUT WHEN TOLD HE COULDN'T FLY..TERRY'S SPIRIT DIED!"
COME ON LIEUTENANT YOU'VE BEATEN ME THREE OUT OF THE LAST FOUR GAMES! GIVE ME A CHANCE
IT'S THE SAME EVERY DAY! HE JUST DOESN'T WANT TO DO ANYTHING!
ALL HE TALKS ABOUT IS THE DAY HE'S GOING TO GET BACK TO FLYING!

TIME HEALS ALL WOUNDS SOME WISE GUY ONCE SAID, BUT IT DIDN'T DO A VERY GOOD JOB ON TERRY ARNOLD! ONE CONSOLATION HE DID GET WHICH WENT A LONG WAY THOUGH WAS TWENTY YEARS LATER WHEN HIS SON, TERRY JUNIOR GOT HIS WINGS!
TERRY ARNOLD, SENIOR WAS PROUDER THAN HIS SON WOULD EVER KNOW.. BUT AT THE SAME TIME, HE WAS STILL SORRY FOR HIMSELF THAT HE NEVER GOT THE CHANCE AT FLYING HE WANTED!
SON I'M SO PROUD OF YOU, I..
I KNOW DAD. HEY LET ME TAKE YOU AND MOM OUT FOR DINNER..ON ME! A REAL CELEBRATION!
TER! IT'S A LETTER FROM TERRY!
HIS UNIT IS BEING SENT TO VIET NAM! HE SAYS THAT BY THE TIME WE GET THIS LETTER HE'LL ALREADY BE THERE!
HE SAYS NOT TO WORRY! THAT HE'LL BE ALL RIGHT! HE SAYS THAT HE'S THE BEST PILOT IN THE GROUP, THANKS TO YOUR ENCOURAGEMENT AND BETWEEN THE TWO OF YOU, HE'LL GET BACK SAFELY!

WHO'S THAT IN THE PICTURE ARNOLD? THAT'S SORT OF A PLACE OF HONOR UP THERE ISN'T IT?
IT SURE IS! THIS IS A PICTURE OF MY DAD!
HE WAS A CADET IN THE LAST WAR, BUT HIS BACK WAS BROKEN WHEN HE CRASHED IN AN OLD TEXAN TRAINED! IF IT WEREN'T FOR HIM I'D BE A ROTTEN PILOT! HE'S THE GUY THAT GIVES ME THE COURAGE TO WORK HARD!
ALL PILOTS REPORT TO THE BRIEFING ROOM
OH, OH, THIS MAY BE OUR FIRST CHANCE TO GO TO WORK!
I'VE GOT THE FEELING TODAY WE GET OUR FIRST TASTE OF A SHOOTING WAR!
YOU MEN HAVE JUST ARRIVED.. BUT YOUR ARRIVAL HAS NOT COME TOO SOON! REPORTS FROM THE NORTH INDICATE HEAVY TROOP CONCENTRATIONS ARE RESULTING FROM A FLOW OF MATERIAL OVER THIS BRIDGE! OUR FIRST ASSIGNMENT GENTLEMEN DESTROY THAT BRIDGE!
SECTO
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SOON...
THAT'S IT, SIR! AND GOOD LUCK!
THANKS..JUST HOLD THIS PARKING SPACE FOR ME! I'LL BE BACK IN AN HOUR!
ARNOLD
THIS IS IT, DAD! I DON'T MIND ADMITTING TO YOU THAT I'M SCARED! I SURE WISH YOU WERE ALONG! YEAH. I WISH YOU WERE HERE!
GREEN FLIGHT ONE THIS IS GREEN FLIGHT LEADER DROP THOSE AUXILLIARY TANKS AND GET RID OF THOSE BOMBS..COMPANY'S COMING!
MIGS OH BOY IF I EVER LEARNED ANYTHING ABOUT YOU AIRPLANE LET'S MAKE SURE NEITHER OF US FORGETS IT NOW! HERE WE GO!
TOO CLOSE FOR A HOUND DOG SHOT.. GOT TO GET HIM WITH MY GUNS...
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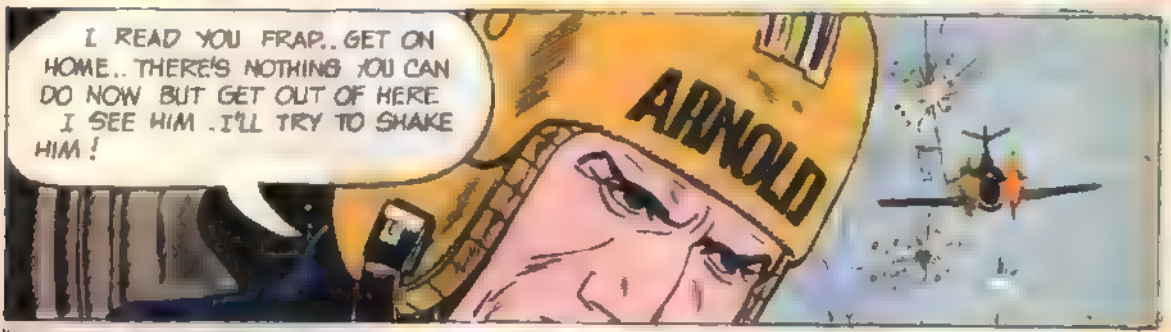
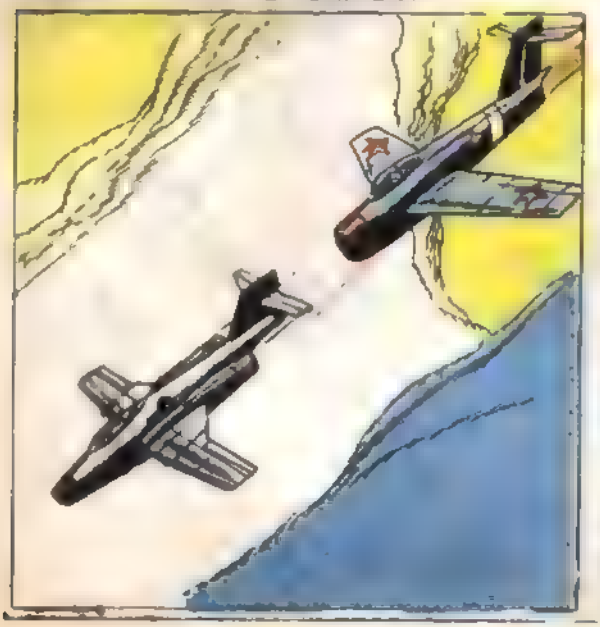
I HAVE TO SAY THAT TERRY JUNIOR DOWN THERE IS DOING AWFULLY WELL.. FOR SOMEONE WHO JUST STARTED IN THIS WAR..OH OH, IT LOOKS LIKE I SPOKE TOO SOON!

TERRY.. TERRY..THIS IS FRAP! I'VE TAKEN A HIT IN MY FUEL TANKS.. GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE.. ONLY THREE THOUSAND POUNDS LEFT... LOOK OUT! YOU'VE GOT ONE ON YOUR TAIL!



"THERE'S NO QUESTION THAT YOUNG ARNOLD LEARNED A LOT IN FLYING SCHOOL..BUT NOW HE FINDS HIMSELF IN A SCHOOL WHERE A FLUNK IS FOREVER!"



CAN'T SHAKE HIM! HE'S GOT THE DROP ON ME AND I CAN'T SHAKE HIM! IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE HE LAYS ONE OF THOSE CANNON .SHELLS UP MY TAILPIPE! ONLY A MATTER OF TIME..!

GOT TO SHAKE HIM. WHAT'S THAT? I MUST BE LOSING MY MIND.. FEAR MUST BE GIVING ME HALLUCINATIONS.. I SEE A PLANE DOWN THERE.. A PLANE.. IT'S IMPOSSIBLE! IT CAN'T BE!
DAD'S PLANE!
GOT TO PULL UP. DAD'S PLANE GOT TO MISS IT
THE MIG SWERVED TO AVOID. AVOID DAD'S PLANE... COULDN'T RECOVER.. HE BOUGHT THE FARM.. I'M SAFE!

I..I DON'T UNDERSTAND! I KNOW I SAW IT ..OTHER PILOT SAW IT TOO. BUT IT'S GONE.. THERE'S NOTHING DOWN THERE .NOTHING AT ALL .
WHILE AT THAT SAME INSTANT OF TIME
MR. ARNOLD. IF I CAN'T LET ANY OF THE KIDS AROUND HERE FOOL AROUND WITH THIS THING, I CAN'T VERY WELL LET YOU NOW, CAN I? NOW, COME ON DOWN FROM THERE!
US
HUH? OH SKUNBERG, IT'S YOU! I GUESS I DOZED OFF FOR A WHILE! COULDN'T RESIST SITTING IN HERE THOUGH.. YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN?
SURE MR. ARNOLD! I THINK I UNDERSTAND!
THAT'S THE FIRST TIME I EVER HAD TO CHASE A GROWN MAN OUT OF THIS THING! MAYBE HE THOUGHT IT COULD FLY! HA! HA!
THE TEXAN
HEY, NOW WHAT'S THIS? SOMEBODY PUNCHED SOME HOLES IN THIS THING! OUCH! THEY'RE STILL HOT! WHAT'S GOING ON HERE ANYWAY?
SORRY, OFFICER SKUNBERG - BUT NOBODY WILL EVER KNOW!
THE END
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DEATH DENTURES

There are many strange things that take place in this world — and, if you believe in the supernatural, you must also add "and in the next world." This is an experience of Dr. Theyede Gates, an esteemed member of the dental profession. He himself is going to tell it to you.

It happened about thirty years ago. I had been out of dental school for a year, and you can say that there were a lot of things I had to learn in building and keeping a dental practice.

On a Thursday morning my phone rang. A woman spoke on the other end and said I had been recommended by a mutual friend. She wanted to come over with her older sister. What time would be convenient? She could come at any hour of the day. So I set up a morning appointment on Monday. I got quite a shock when the two sisters showed up in my office. The younger one said she was eighty-five and her older sister was ninety-two. What was the problem? The older sister didn't have a tooth in her mouth. In fact, as she told me, for the last twenty years she had been without teeth. And now she wanted upper and lower dentures.

I made a careful check of her mouth and gums. The younger sister wanted an exact price for the work. I told her $200.00. I did not ask for any deposit at all. It took a period of two months and, believe me, I suffered. Nothing I did could satisfy either one of them. My dental mechanic told me it would be best to call the entire thing off. But I was going to go through with it.

I called up the "mutual friend" and he told me I had not been recommended to those two sisters. In a conversation my name had come up and that was all there was to it. However, he gave me some information about them. They were exceedingly wealthy, they were recluses, and they were spiritualists, always talking about contacts with spirits and ghosts. That was about enough for me.

Finally I thought everything was fine when the sister put the upper and lower dentures into her mouth. Then suddenly she took them out. "Change the teeth. I am not satisfied."

I told her frankly I had had enough. "Take them and pay me." She put them on my table and in a huff the two went out of my office.

I sent them a bill — and got no reply. So I called up my uncle who was a lawyer and sadly told him what had happened. I realize now how practical his advice was.

"So that is what you paid for experience. If you go to court you will lose time and upset yourself. Write it off on the ledger of life. Charge it to Immaturity on your part."

And then one evening I got a shocker. The younger sister came to my office just as I was about to leave.

"My sister died," she explained. "From all over the country people will come to the funeral. But she has no teeth in her mouth. I want those dentures."

"Pay me in cash or certified check and they are yours," was my reply.

"No objection," she sighed. "But I want you to place them in her mouth yourself."

I was about to say I would do that for an extra two hundred dollars but I didn't let those words pass my lips. I got my check and did as asked. I felt it best to forget everything.

It was on a Monday evening that I was staying late in my office. I had a lot of book work to do. I was really tired. And then the lights in my office grew dimmer and dimmer. I thought something was the matter with my eyesight. Coming towards me was what I can best describe as an apparition, a ghost, or some kind of a spirit. It held a box in its hands and placed it on my desk.

"I don't need these in the other world," said a familiar voice. "It was very nice of you to do what you did after all the trouble we caused you. Now about that extra two hundred dollars. You will receive it in an envelope. You are a very nice young man. Too bad I can't recommend people to you."

The lights went on again. And there on my desk was a box. I opened it. What do you think was in it? The upper and lower dentures. I have kept them all these years in my dental cabinet.

Three days later I received an envelope. No return address and no letter in it. Only two one-hundred-dollar bills. Now if you can figure this out, let me know.

Dear Dedd

The latest ish of Ghostly Tales #65 was up and above average in ghoulish despicableness (A compliment?) I think that "Cat In The Well" would've been a better cover story than "Out But Not Down." The boxing scene was one of Rocke's worst covers and he doesn't do a bad one often. (Ed. we assigned the subject matter for Rocke to draw; don't put the blame on him!) Also, I don't care for balloons cluttering up covers. It's my impression that they lessen the impact of the cover, rather than help it.

Inside the mag, you started out with one of my favorite artists, Jim Aparo. Though the ending was typical, I thought this tale came out real good. Boyette's style is a little different but it grows on you. For a while I thought I didn't like it but now I look forward to finding one of his pieces in each issue. I always turn to his stories first because his artwork is unique.

Ghostly Tales is the best weird mag in the market and I'd like the best weird artist to swing his pencils into its pages. How about giving Steve Ditko a few of your masterpeces to work with?

Now these last perishable words to finish off with. "Keep up the great work!"

Terry Farmer
Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri

And a few words from us, soldier, to you, keep up the great work. Thanks for your fan letter and constructive criticisms. We'll try to keep an eye on the cover copy as we're inclined to agree with you: the illustration should sell the book, not the blurbs.

Dear Editor;

Your mag fascinates me. It's the coolest!

Mr. Dedd is great but I suggest you change his appearance maybe make him a bit more realistic. Dr. Graves is too good to be true, he's really in. I also think you could do with less humor in some of your stories. Keep up the great work.

Arnold King
Crystal, Minn.

First, Arn, thanks for your kind words. Next, Mr. Dedd used to look a lot worse than he does now. We had to exhume (unbury) him, brush off the dirt and (ugh!) worms and patch him up a little before we could use him to model the friendly, personable fellow you see on our pages. As for Dr. Graves, if you think he's cool, it's from hanging around crypts and mausoleums and digging around for stories about the undead.

We're sorry if you see any humor in our stories. You laugh at some mighty unfunny jokes if you do. Ugh!!

Dear Gents of Haunted House

I am very fond of your mags and I hope you will continue to publish them.

I have watched as you have been bettering your magazines and I think you're doing a terrific job.

Mike Thompson
Marietta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Dedd

You ask us how you can improve the Ghostly Tales mag and The Many Ghosts of Dr. Graves? Geo, as of late, they've both been excellent but then again nothing is perfect so here are my suggestions.

First, you don't give credits on every story, so we don't know who gets the credit. Or the blame, in case it isn't so hot. In issue 6 of Dr. Graves, "The Ghost of Man" was the only one which openly gave credit to the artist and the writer. "The Double Deal" although Rocke Mastroserio's artwork was easily detected, who wrote it? Fandom likes to know these little facts, you know. Same with "What Ever Happened to Reality?" Who wrote it and who illustrated it? Please tell us since the art fascinated me and I would like to know who is responsible.

As for the art and scripting, where has Steve Ditko been these past few months? He's your best artist and I'd like to see his art again. Would it be possible to get Sam Glanzman to illustrate a story? After seeing his art in HERCULES and your war magazines, I'd like to see him try his hand at a ghost story. Also, make more use of Dave Kaler and Sergius O'Shaughnessy as script writers.

As you can see, I haven't many complaints. But don't settle for just being great keep on striving for perfection.

Very truly yours,
Fred Hembeck
Yaphank, N.Y.

First, the facts, Fred. Steve Skeates wrote both The Double Deal and What Ever Happened to Reality? Hector Castellon did the artwork on WEHTR? and he did a great job, as is proved by the admiring mail we received from you fans out there in comicland.

Steve Ditko is busy, as always. He does jobs for us and for some of the lesser known publishers in the field whose names will not be mentioned here. If you don't see his work over a one or two-month span it may be because he's away doing research for Ghostly Tales and Dr. Graves.

Sam Glanzman isn't much for ghosts, ghouls, etc. He's great in the war books and the super-hero field and that's the thing he likes to do best, so don't look for him in here.

Thanks for the kudos and let us hear from you again, Fred.

We'd like to hear from more of you cool ghouls down there. Get out of your rut and drop us a line.

The DRUMS of SHAMU!

I BELIEVE YOU'VE BEEN THINKING OF ME! MY CARD!
VOODOO
DR. MT GRAVES
SUPERNATURALIST
GRAVES! BUT HOW ON EARTH..
YOUR THOUGHTS HAVE BEEN FILLING MY MIND GREATLY OF LATE! THE MYSTERY YOU SEEK TO SOLVE IS ONE OF MY REALM!
IS THIS REALLY HAPPENING? I CAN T...
THERE'S OUR MYSTERY NOW! THE HAITIAN HAL DANCERS... FEATURING MARGO AND LANE!
TUM TUM
TUM
SHE'S GORGEOUS! AND WHAT A DANCER!
WHAT ABOUT HIM?
HOW THE MOVIES MISSED HIM, I'LL NEVER KNOW!
HOW CAN THEY DANCE LIKE THAT? IT'S LIKE THEY'RE HALF DEAD!
TUM TUM
THEY'RE MARVELOUS, BUT LIKE YOU BELIEVE, SOMETHING OR SOMEONE POSSESSES THEM
THEN I'M NOT CRAZY!
TUM
IT BEGAN SOON AFTER SHE TOOK THIS JOB. SHE STOPPED CALLING ME AND NOW HAL REFUSES TO LET ME SEE HER!

AND AS RAY TELLS MORE OF HIS STORY, OTHER PLANS ARE BEING MADE FOR HIM...
HERE! WHEN THE MUSIC CHANGES, YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO...
THE MUSIC OF SHAMU! THE TIME IS NOW!
YES, MASTER!
TUM
THE DRUMS! THE SPELL OF SHAMU! DEATH WALKS HERE TONIGHT! THE OTHERS... THEY'RE ALL IN THE HYPNOTIC SPELL OF THE TEMPO!
TUM
TUM
TUM
POWERS OF THE UNKNOWN, FILL THIS ROOM! MAKE YOUR SHADOWS SOLID, TO AID ME AGAINST THE SPELLS OF SHAMU!
FORGET ME! I CAN HANDLE THIS MORTAL MYSELF! SEEK OUT THE ONE KNOWN AS HAL AND BRING HIM HERE TO ME!
I FORGOT THE MAN! BUT SHADOWS HOLD THE GIRL! RID HER OF THAT KNIFE!
VOODOO IN MANHATTAN! SHAMU MUST BE WIPED FROM ALL THEIR MINDS!

THERE! NOW TO VANQUISH SHAMU! WHERE IS HAL?
HERE IS THE ONE... RULED BY SHAMU!
RELEASE ME! SHAMU WILL REIGN AGAIN!
SHAMU, HEAR ME! YOUR FOLLOWER CALLS YOU FORTH!
THESE MOMENTS MUST BE WIPED FROM THE MINDS OF MEN! RELEASE ALL FROM THE EVIL KNOWN AS SHAMU FOR ETERNITY! YOUR HUMBLE SERVANT BEGS THIS OF YOU!
YOUR CRIES ARE TOO LATE! SHAMU WILL NO LONGER WANDER FORTH FROM THE BEYOND!
RAY, DARLING! WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN KEEPING YOURSELF?
WHY HAVE THOSE DRUMMERS STOPPED PLAYING? WE'VE GOT A SHOW TO PUT ON!
IT'S OVER! EVERYTHING IS BACK TO NORMAL!
WHAT'S HAPPENING?
HOW DID I GET HERE?
LET'S GET YOUR CLOTHES, MARGO! I'M NOT LETTING YOU GO EVER AGAIN!
MY TASK IS OVER! OTHER THREATS CALL ME FORTH!
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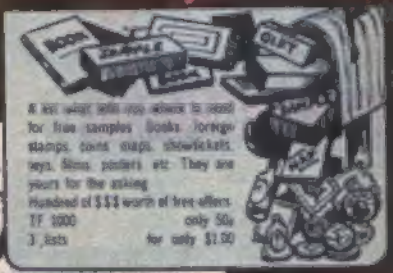

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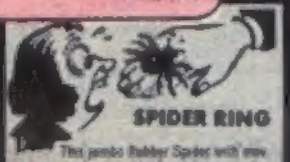

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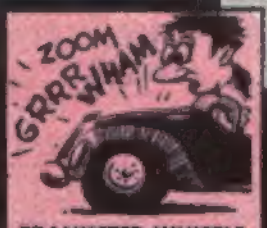

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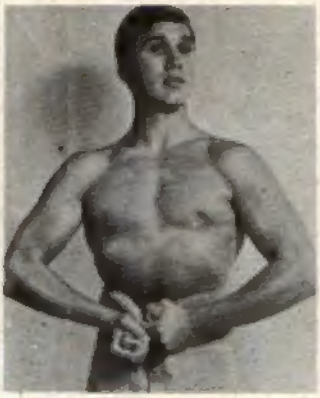

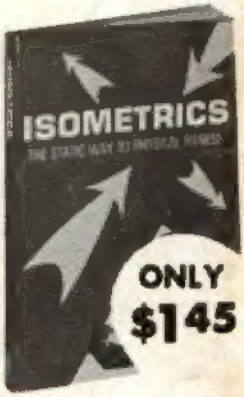

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